



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Date: September 12, 2016 – Business Meeting
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: McCourt Social Hall, Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA
Present: Chairman Stevens, Vice Chair C. Woodbury, Clerk Hicks, Members and G. Woodbury and Pepe and Administrator Gaudette.

At 6:04 p.m. Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action Item: Vote to authorize Selectmen Pepe to participate remotely in accordance with Regulation 940, CMR 29.10 of the Open Meeting Law

Chairman Pepe was able to attend the meeting.

Minutes:

Special Meeting of August 4th; Business Meeting of August 15th; & Workshop of August 22, 2016

A motion to approve the Special Meeting of August 4th; Business Meeting of August 15th; & Workshop of August 22, 2016 (Hicks/Pepe) passed 5/0.

Citizen Input

- Evelyn Flavin, 202 N. Spencer Rd., questioned the plan from National Grid which indicates new poles on the west side of Route 31, but has now moved to the east side. According to plan, the pole near her property (# 124-4) shows the installation at sixty feet from her lot line, however it appears it will actually be closer to thirty feet. She is concerned it will detract from her property value and requests poles be located as is shown on the drawing. She said that at the August 22nd Pole Hearing, representatives from National Grid indicated her concerns were a private request, however she feels this is not accurate since the pole services multiple properties in the area.

Mr. Gaudette noted that discussions have been taking place between the Flavin's and National Grid. They are in the process of arranging a site visit with both parties and nothing has been finalized at this time.

Mr. Hicks asked for a report back on the final outcome.

Mr. G. Woodbury will speak with John Perkins from National Grid regarding pole # 124-4.

- Nancy Mandell, Willow Lane, said there have been issues with people fishing by the Thompson Pond causeway and leaving trash behind. She is concerned it will hurt the pond. Mr. Gaudette noted that Thompson Pond is a public lake. He said installing "no littering" signs may help. Ms. Mandell would like to see additional patrols in the area around 6 pm.
- Mary Braney, Pine Acres Rd., thanked everyone for their hard work on behalf the Spencer Cable Access Food Drive, noting it was a huge success. She also mentioned that SCA will provide free training to anyone interested in working the Studio.

- Representative Berthiaume thanked the Board for participating in the dedication of the Sweeney 9/11 Memorial. He noted that the Exchange Club, Parks & Rec, and the Police Department were very helpful throughout the process.

Communications:

Library Open House on September 22nd from 2:00 to 7:00 pm to Celebrate Mary Baker-wood's Retirement & 26 Years of Service

Mr. Gaudette announced that an Open House will be held to recognize and celebrate outgoing Library Director Mary Baker-Wood and the major contributions she has made on behalf of the Town.

New Business:

Present Certificate of Achievement to Joseph Perron – Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Mr. Stevens congratulated Joseph Perron for his accomplishment in attaining the rank of Eagle Scout and presented him with a Certificate of Achievement. Mr. Perron said he took on the project in front of the American Legion as a way to give back to family members and others who served in our military.

Old Business:

Town-wide Yard Sale Update

Robert Ortiz, organizer of the Town-wide Yard Sale said they are hoping to receive at least forty applications and at this time they have twenty. All proceeds will benefit the Parks and Rec and the PTA.

Town Administrator's Report:

Fall Special Town Meeting Update:

Mr. Gaudette reviewed key dates from the FY17 Town Meeting Calendar.

Board Liaison Reports

Worcester County Selectmen's Association Appointment

The Board agreed to have Mr. Pepe as the member and Mr. Hicks will be an alternate

Note: alternate membership is not officially available; this is just to ensure coverage at these meetings.

Citizen Input

- Kurt Nordquist, Gayle Dr., noted his concerns with the policy for the Distribution of Millings for residents. He feels there's a lot of red tape and asked the Board to change the policy and vote to authorize the providing millings to residents.

Mr. Gaudette said the conditions are for private roads and are necessary for plowing and drainage. Residents may obtain milling for their own driveways.

Mr. G. Woodbury feels the limit needs to be increased in order to make it worthwhile considering a bulldozer is needed to apply.

Mr. C. Woodbury suggested offering millings to private roads.

Additional discussion will take place with Mr. Tyler at a future meeting.

- Steve Moyer, 134 Main St., found a chain saw and said the owner may contact Steve Tyler to claim.

Board Member and Staff Comments

Mr. Pepe wants to coordinate efforts to address the PVPC Slum and Blight Report. PVPC will discuss the report in detail at the next meeting.

Mr. Stevens went to the Spencer Fair with Mary Madden, the Town's recipient of the Boston Post Road Cane. Ms. Madden will be 102 years old in the coming weeks.

Request for Executive Session under Mass General Laws, Chapter 30A, §21(a), ¶2, to discuss preparations for contract negotiations with non-union personnel.

At 7:41 p.m. a motion to meet in Executive Session in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, § 21 (a), ¶2, to discuss preparations for contract negotiations with non-union personnel (Hicks/Pepe) passed with a roll call vote: G. Woodbury-yes, C. Woodbury -yes, Stevens-yes, Hicks-yes.

Mr. Stevens announced the meeting will reconvene in open session.

At 8:06 pm the Board reconvened to inform the public that they came to an agreement for a 3-year contract for the new Town Planner, Paul Dell'Aquila

A motion to approve the Town Planner's Contract (G.Woodbury/Hicks) passed 5/0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Assistant

Referenced Materials
PVPC Slum & Blight Report